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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

## Since Friday, December 25, 75 Residents have Tested Positive, 117 More have Recovered, and City Learns of One New Fatality Associated with COVID-19;

Free Testing Schedule in Framingham Adjusted this Week Due to Holiday Closure at Labs, and Walk-up Testing at South Middlesex Opportunity Council Ends Wednesday, December 30;

Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 Data;

Weekly Food Resource Guide During Current COVID-19 Surge

- Since Friday, December 25, 75 residents have tested positive, 117 more have recovered, and the City learns of one new fatality associated with COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 4,871. With 3,683 recovered and 177 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,011 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 470 residents in quarantine.
- Schedule for free COVID-19 testing in Framingham adjusted this week due to holiday closure at labs:

Schedule for the State's Project Beacon Express COVID-19 Testing Site located in Framingham:

- Wednesday, December 30: Operating with limited hours, fewer appointments available
- Thursday, December 31: CLOSED
- o Friday, January 1, 2021: CLOSED

Schedule for <u>free walk-up testing at the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC)</u>,7 Bishop Street, for Framingham residents: Walk-up testing for Framingham residents to end Wednesday, December 30 as the City's contract with Transformative Health (test taker) concludes.

- Wednesday, December 30: Testing will be conducted 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- The City's Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data on all
  confirmed cases in Framingham since March 1, 2020: Data includes information on confirmed
  cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, fatalities, nursing homes, and residential settings.
   Reference today's data release here.
- City to update the food resource guide weekly during current COVID-19 surge: To better
  manage the food demand during the current COVID-19 surge, the coordinators of the
  Framingham's Emergency Food Line have developed a weekly guide about food availability for
  residents. View this week's guide in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, <a href="here">here</a>.